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Abolition of Slavery Freed the Negro

AND OPENED THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY TO WHITE MEN

Speaking at the North-South picnic given at Sycamore Grove on the 29th, Mr. Drew Pruitt, president, said: "Words are inadequate to express my delight in seeing so many worthy representatives of Dixie Land here today. I extend a hearty welcome to all. 'There was a South of slavery and secession—that South is dead, but out of its ashes has arisen a new South, more beautiful and glorious than ever, that is the South of union and freedom—that South is living, breathing, growing every hour.' These words were uttered by the immortal Ben Hill a number of years ago, but they are as true today as they were then. The freeing of the slaves was not only a blessing to the Negro, but to the white man, for it liberated the latter from the bondage which prevented him from making any progress. By the abolition of slavery labor has been dignified and every citizen, be he white or black, is compelled to work out his own salvation. No sectarianism can be found today in this great country of ours. Who from the South does not love the Stars and Stripes—"Old Glory," the flag of our country? It is the symbol of liberty, and represents all that is wisest and best in our free government."

Rufus C. Porter, formerly of Dallas, but now an attorney of this city, spoke of the rich heritage which the people gathered there had brought from the old and new South; also of the South's position in history. "The United States," he said, "is infinitely more compact and patriotic by reason of the Civil War, than it possibly could have been without that great struggle. We look upon our adopted State, California, as the incomparable State of the Union, and our love for her is second only to our love for our native States." Thomas R. Hudson, another well-known Los Angeles attorney, formerly of Chattanooga, spoke in the same strain, glorifying the South of his birth, and the Southern California of his adoption.

JACK JOHNSON MAKES A HIT

Paris Audience Cheers Negro Pugilist When He Does Turkey Trot With His White Wife

Paris, July 21.—Jack Johnson appeared in Revue at Folies Bergere tonight to fill the gap caused by the absence of Anna Held, the star who was injured in an automobile accident in England. Johnson threw a medicine ball about and boxed four exhibition rounds. The fighter announced that $5000 had been deposited at the box office for the man who would stand up against him for ten rounds. Johnson got a hearty welcome. He is to receive $1200 a night. His white wife joined the fighter on the stage in the final scene, when the couple did the turkey trot for a few minutes, and the audience seemed to enjoy this more than Johnson's previous exhibitions. The success of the performance seemed to be greatest with the women in the audience.

HOW THEY DO IT IN OKLAHOMA

According to statistics, there are 3,886 pupils in the Muskogee white schools and 85 teachers employed to teach them. There are 1885 pupils in the Negro schools and 29 teachers. The average number of pupils per each white teacher is 45, and per each Negro teacher 65. 45 is almost twice the number of pupils ordinarily assigned teachers with any expectation of their accomplishing first-class work in the matter of instruction. 65 is nearly three times this number. If there was one teacher to every 45 pupils in the Negro schools, there would be 42 teachers instead of 29.—*The American.*

SOCIALISTS ON HUNT FOR BIG TAX DODGERS

Councilman Wheeler today announced that the Socialists would protest the assessment by City Assessor Mallard on $2,028,000 worth of property, both real and personal. Wheeler stated that many of the people for whom he will ask citations have paid a county tax on property that Assessor Mallard did not include in the city assessment roll.

Councilman Wheeler claims the following are escaping taxes: C. A. Canfield, $130,000; estate of Charles E. Pendell, $85,000; W. A. Clark, Jr., $175,000; Sinaloa Realty Company, $150,000; Los Angeles Trust Company, $127,000; Thomas A. O'Donnele, $66,450; Southern Trust Company, $80,000; estate of W. N. Avery, $60,005; estate of Homer laughlin, $10,000, and many others.

THE "NEW AGE" COMES OUT FOR JIM CROW SCHOOLS

Its Editor Acts in Bad With His Race

Commenting on the Jim Crow school taught by Miss Ella Kinard at El Centro, the editor of *New Age* endorses that outrage as follows:

"The colored citizens of that place have become reconciled to the separate school idea since the school board has promised to furnish them a modernly equipped building. Miss Kinard opened the school one year ago with an enrollment of 13, which finally increased to 58, with an average daily attendance of 28. She has been re-elected for the ensuing year, and her salary increased from $80 to $90 per month. She has been teaching all grammar grades, from the first to the eighth, and with the erection of the new building will be allowed an assistant teacher, so that the work will be just half as great. El Centro wishes to have a Normal graduate for the assistant teacher, and will leave her selection to the discretion of Miss Kinard."

The above so-called school (referred to by certain people there as the "Nigger" school), is taught in a Negro church, with no conveniences for the accommodation of the unfortunate Negro children who attend. That so-called school is located in the Negro "tenderloin" of El Centro, bringing the teacher and pupils in daily contact with some of the most disreputable characters in human form. Miss Kinard is an estimable young lady and deserves a better fate.

Under the law no separate schools can be legally established or taught in this State, and the segregation of the Negro children of El Centro into a church with no school conveniences, while the white children have fine buildings with all modern conveniences is an outrage, not only upon those Negro children, but upon every Negro child in this State. Its existence is a disgrace to the Negroes of Southern California; it is a reflection upon their intelligence and manhood. It puts in doubt the Negro's fitness for citizenship; for a people who will not defend their rights, a people who will voluntarily surrender them for money or any other consideration, justifies those who would oppress them.

Negro children have a right to attend any public school in this State, provided they reside in the district of the school they wish to attend, and any attempt to segregate them on account of race or color is not only a violation of the law, but an attempt, for selfish reasons, to bring about race antagonisms that do not now, and should never exists in California.

The Negro-hating whites who are fostering that "nigger school," as they call it, have been spending considerable money with certain Negro preachers whose influence they have purchased to betray the Negroes. The question now is, have they, through the preachers mentioned, subsidized the *New Age*? Was the *New Age* acting in good faith in the part it took in the fight against the segregated school bill introduced in the last session of the legislature? Is it acting in good faith now? Doesn't its editor know that that attempt to segreagte the Negro school children at El Centro is wrong? Is it just to the innocent Negro boys and girls of that town to force them to attend school in a shabby, unattractive church located in the baudy section of that village because some one can get $90 per month by the deal? Isn't the health and virtue of those Negro boys and girls worth more than $90 per month? If that Jim Crow school is good enough for the Negro children at El Centro, why did the *New Age* man appear to oppose the Moorhouse bill? That was its purpose. Was he acting in good faith then? If the editor of the *New Age* is opposed to Jim Crow schools why doesn't he condemn that El Centro outrage? If an honest, intelligent man believes a thing is bad and ought not exist, he never finds time or patience to say anything good about it.

"But oh," says the *New Age* man with childish credulity, "the school board has promised to furnish a modernly equipped building."

The same promise was made in Wilcox County, Alabama, but Negro teachers receive 38 cents per pupil, while white teachers receive $15 per pupil. The same promise was made the Negroes in Mississippi relative to separate cars. "Separate but equal accomodations." Establish Jim Crow schools and cars, and what are those promises worth? We regret to say it, but we believe the *New Age* man is acting in bad faith. In this we may be wrong, and we trust that we are, but judged by his acts on numerous occasions, when the rights of the Negroes were involved, bad faith seemed to have marked his movements. The *New Age* man is opposed to Jim Crow schools and Jim Crow cars in Mississippi; he is bitterly opposed to race segregation in the government departments at Washington, D. C., but it is alright in violation of the laws of this State to segregate the Negro children in El Centro, Cal. In that unsanitary church, with its broken window lights, the Negro school chilrden are victims of wind and dust endured by no other children in the State.

We will have more to say concerning this sly attempt, with the aid of Negroes, to establish Jim Crow schools and cars in this State. We trust that our references to the editor of the *New Age* will be taken as in no sense personal, but only a discussion of his acts as they effect the rights of the Negroes of this State.

If any class of Negroes should be possessed of strength, courage and tenacity of lofty purpose, with ambition to achieve that which is highest and best, it ought to be the young men—the product of our high schools and colleges. They should never consent to become mere sycophants and time servers.

The Jim Crow school for Negroes at El Centro is taught in a church, with one window and no blackboard. The seats are not fastened down, the place is filthy in summer, and cold during the winter. The toilets are two blocks away, and drinking water a quarter of a mile

distant. What think you of the Negro who has pride in such a pest hole? Miss Kinard received $80 per month for teaching 58 pupils in 8 grades; white teachers receive $90 per month for teaching a single grade with 30 pupils.

DANGER AHEAD

There is a propaganda in this city composed of Negroes who are quietly doing everything in their power to establish Jim Crow schools and race segregation. With the sound thrashing that Sims received last winter for advocating school segregation fresh in their minds, they are insiduously doiug what they dare not do openly—telling our young people of the opportunities that would open to them "if we can just get Negro schools." The thing for us to do is to get to ourselves, live in our own sections and have nothing to do with white folks." "We want something for our girls to do." The above is a sample of the rot peddled around by a bunch of Jim Crow Negroes. Who prevents the Negroes of this city from furnishing employment for their sons and daughters? Why don't they open stores, laundries and factories for employing our splendid young people the public schools are turning out annually? The thirty thousand Negroes of this city spend for the necessities of life nothing short of $300,000 annually, to say nothing of what is thrown away on excursions and gegaws. Who hinders them from spending that vast sum with themselves in the promotion of self-employing enterprises as the Japanese do? Why are the Japanese fighting separate schools? What do the Japanese do with their girls when they leave school?

To show the lieing inconsistency of these Jim Crow Negroes, you will find by investigation that they patronize no Negro enterprise if they can avoid it. If they were consistent they would go to Mississippi, Texas or Georgia. Why did these Jim Crow Negroes leave those states anyway? If we had Jim Crow schools would there be positions enough for all our boys and girls? Does every Negro boy and girl who is attending school expect to become teachers? Only a small per cent of the educated white people are teachers.

The trouble with that little bunch of Negroes who are agitating for Jim Crow schools is that they want to teach and, realizing that they cannot meet the requirements, want the standard lowered by opening Jim Crow schools for Negroes. The interest of the race may go to Hades for what they care if they can but get a school. With Jim Crow schools go Jim Crow street cars, Jim Crow waiting rooms, Jim Crow streets, and Jim Crow sections for the Negroes to live in. Where Jim Crowism gets a foothold, equal protection of the law, equal opportunity, equal accomadation for Negroes are things of the past. In Richmond, Va., Baltimore, Md., and a number of cities where they have separate schools they have Jim Crow cars of every kind, city ordinances have been passed compelling Negroes to live on certain streets. The Negroes of said cities are spending thousands of dollars to defeat the operation of those ordinances, while a few selfish Negroes here are allowed to agitate for their establishment in this city under the guise of "wanting something for our girls to do."

In his talk at the Alumni reception, Attorney Dardin took advantage of the occasion to advocate Jim Crowism, race hatred, race segregation and kindred diviltry. If he was taken seriously, some of his remarks were insulting to a member of the School Board and a number of white visitors. It was the wrong place and time to stir up race prejudice, and the Negroes should not tolerate such uncalled-for speeches. Such talks to our young people are very harmful.

If the white people should adopt the policy advocated by Attorney Dardin, the Negroes of this city would be on the verge of starvation in a few days; whereas, they are well paid and kindly treated. If the Southern California Alumni Association would maintain its present high place in the estimation of the people, it will have to put an end such intemperate speeches, and the attempt to make that organization the hot-house for the propagation of race segregation and Jim Crow schools will have to be crushed now.

FROM THE CITY BY THE SEA

Miss Ethel Miller returned home Sunday after a few weeks at the Wright villa.

Miss Katharine Bray was the guest of Miss E. Miller in Pasadena Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Geo. Hamilton returned to his home in Pasadena last week.

Mrs. A. L. Reese and daughter, Fanny C. Reese, arrived from New Orleans Sunday. They are stopping with Mrs. S. L. Nichols, 17th street and Colorado avenue, Santa Monica.

The Phillis Wheatly Club gave a musical benefit on last Tuesday evening at the C. M. E. Church.

Mrs. Hamilton succumbed Sunday morning after a short illness.

A municipal judge at Chicago last week gave a jealous wife $100 fine and six months in jail for shooting her husband. The judge said: "Too many women are shooting and wounding or killing their husbands and going free." The judge plans to stop it so far as his court is concerned, and it is perfectly right. In these days of split skirts and the like, it would be cruelty to animals to make husbands wear blinders, while single men are permitted to grow cross-eyed taking in the moving picture display of wives.—*The American, Wagoner, Oklahoma.*

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But for his prominence, Dr. Caldwell would have been squelched. He was simply "the whole show" wherever he appeared, if his own statements are true. We trust that in the future our people in the East will exercise greater care in the selection of men to represent them in convention on this coast, to the end that the Negroes here be saved from a repetition of Dr. Caldwell's exhibition.

THE PRESIDENT STANDS FIRM

The refusal of President Wilson to recognize the Huerta government is the only manly course to pursue. To recognize the Huerta government would be the endorsement of the blackest crime of the century. How any member of the family of nations can look upon Huerta other than as a traitor and cold-blooded murderer, is hard to understand. Such recognition would put a premium upon revolution, murder and usurpation.

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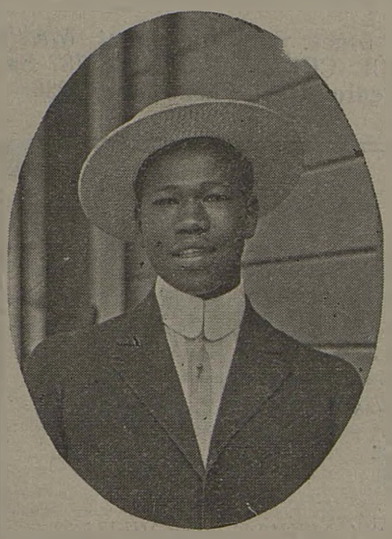

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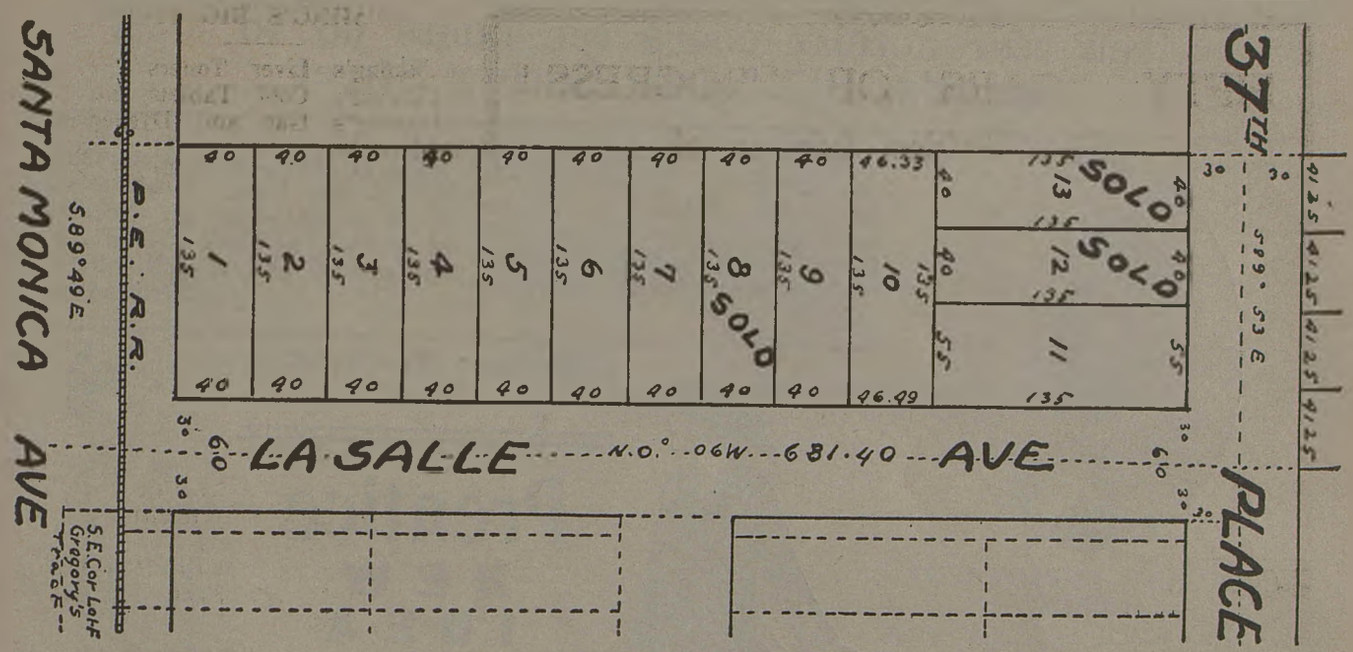

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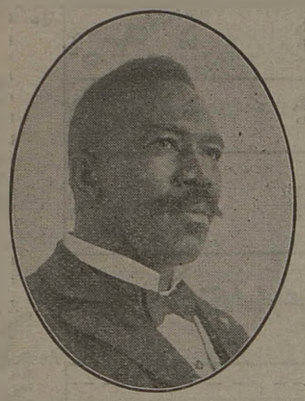

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